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NOTICE OF PROJECT ADVANCEMENT FOR U.S 20 AT WAVERLY ROAD PORTER COUNTY

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The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) held a public hearing in January of this year regarding a proposed intersection improvement project on U.S. 20 at Waverly Road in the Town of Porter. The project proposes to enhance safety and improve traffic flow.

The purpose of this notice is two-fold. Firstly, this is an opportunity for INDOT to communicate with project stakeholders in regards to the status of this project. Secondly, this is an opportunity to formally announce the conclusion of the environmental analysis phase of the project and transition to the next phase of project development, the real estate acquisition phase.

INDOT's Preferred Alternative includes the following enhancements: (1) adding left turn lanes for U.S. 20 eastbound and westbound traffic, (2) changing the traffic signal operation/signal modernization, (3) providing for a potential future pedestrian / trail signalized crossing, (4) making modest improvements to corner radii & drive approaches and (5) maintaining existing access while minimizing impacts to existing properties. In addition, the project involves pavement widening, milling and resurfacing of existing pavement, off-road drainage maintenance and project approach work on Waverly Road.

Subsequent to the review and consideration of comments and materials received as a result of the official INDOT public hearing held at the Porter Town Hall, a "Disposition of Public Comments" summary has been prepared whereas comments submitted to INDOT as part of the public hearing process are responded to within project documentation available to view on the LaPorte District web page www.laporte.indot.in.gov and the locations cited below. Environmental analysis documentation, including the resolution to public hearing comments, will remain available for public inspection during normal office hours at the Westchester Public Library, 200 West Indiana Avenue, Chesterton, Indiana 46304; INDOT Office of Public Involvement, Room N642, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 Phone# (317) 232-6601; and the Planning and Production Office, INDOT LaPorte District Office, 315 East Boyd Blvd., LaPorte, Indiana 46350, Phone# (855) 464-6368 www.laporte.indot.in.gov.

INDOT will advance this project to the next phase of development (real estate acquisition) and sincerely appreciates the community's participation and interest in this project. We look forward to continuing community engagement as this project advances towards construction.

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